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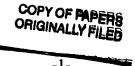
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application.

## In the Specification:

On the first page of the application, replace the three paragraphs having blanks (i.e., lines 11-21) with the following:

"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/584,259, filed herewith;

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